

**GENERAL AUTHORITY**

**Section 4. In the performance of its functions, the Central Intelligence Agency is authorized to:**

- (1) Procure necessary services, supplies and equipment without regard to the provisions of Section 3709, Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 3), as amended, upon certification by the Director, or an official designated by him for that purpose, that such action is necessary in the interest of the common defense and security or upon a showing that advertising is not reasonably practicable, and partial and advance payments may be made under contracts for such purpose;**
- (2) Transfer to and receive from other departments or agencies of the Government such sums as may be authorized by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, either as advance payment or reimbursement of appropriation, for the performance of any of the functions or activities authorized in this Act, and any other department or agency of the Government is authorized to transfer to or receive from the Agency such sums without regard to any provisions of law limiting or prohibiting transfers between appropriations. Sums transferred to the Agency in accordance with this paragraph may be expended for the purposes and under the authority of this Act without regard to limitations of other appropriations;**
- (3) Apply the provisions of Sections 901, 911-913, 931-933 and 935-943 of Public Law 724, 79th Congress, 2nd Session, to employees assigned to permanent duty stations outside the continental United States;**
- (4) Reimburse other Government departments and agencies for services of personnel assigned to the Agency, and such other departments and agencies are hereby authorized, without regard to provisions of law to the contrary, so to assign or detail any officer or employee for duty with the Agency, provided that additional pay for the Director or Deputy Director arising out of the differential specified in Sec. 2(b) (3) of this Act shall be paid from funds of the Agency;**

(5) Exchange funds without regard to section 3651 Revised statutes (31 U.S.C. 343);

(6) Authorize couriers designated by the Director to carry firearms when engaged in transportation of confidential documents and materials affecting the national defense and security; and

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (37 stat. 555), <sup>5 U.S.C. 652</sup> or the provisions of any other law, the Director of Central Intelligence may, in his absolute discretion, terminate the employment of any officer or employee of the Agency whenever he shall deem such termination necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States, but such termination shall not affect the right of such officer or employee to seek or accept employment in any other department or agency of the Government if declared eligible for such employment by the United States Civil Service Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 5. Appropriations:---

(a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including

(b) Personal services and rent at the seat of Government and elsewhere; preparation and transportation of the remains of officers and employees who die abroad or in transit, while in performance of their official duties, to their former homes in this country or to a place not more distant for interment, and for ordinary expenses of such interment; rental of news-reporting services; purchase or rental and operation of photographic, reproduction, cryptographic, duplication and printing machines, equipment and devices, and radio-receiving and radio-sending equipment and devices including telegraph and teletype equipment; purchase, maintenance, operation, repair and hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft, and vessels of all kinds; printing and binding; purchase, maintenance, and cleaning of firearms.

(c) The Acts appropriating such sums may specify portions thereof which may be expended, (A) without regard to the provisions of law and regulations relating to the expenditure of Government funds or the employment of persons in the Government service; (B) for objects of a confidential nature, such expenditures to be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Director and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified.

*Approved by the President*

SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS

Sec. 6. If any provision of this Act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SHORT TITLE

Sec. 7. This Act may be cited as "The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1947."